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**MS. URSULA VON DER LEYEN
PRESIDENT
EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

SUBJECT: Appeal to the European Commission

MS. PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

„БЪЛГАРИЯ МОЖЕ“ (BULGARIA MOZHE/BULGARIA CAN) is an emerging Bulgarian sovereignist political party. We believe that societies' progress and well-being is rooted into the ability to take sovereign decisions, traditional family values, respect towards and inspiration by one's national heritage, economic freedom, and energy security.

We firmly believe in Europe: Europe of the nations, Europe of the free economic initiative and free trade, Europe of the opportunities, Europe of the Christian civilization. In this terms Bulgaria has always been not only part, but one of the founders of the European civilization as the spreader of Eastern Orthodox Christianity and the Cyrillic script, bringing enlightenment to millions in Eastern Europe.

However, Europe has lost its way, including under your leadership. The European Union, once a symbol of progress, wealth, tradition, and culture – an exclusive club of the most developed nations to which most European countries strived to join – has now become a place of stifled scholastic thought, led by ideology far removed from reality.

The futility of the path the EU has ventured on became undeniable after the joint US-Israeli strikes on Iran, although that futility has been obvious to many for years. With the Hormuz strait closed and mined, with Iranian, Saudi, and Qatari oil and gas infrastructure destroyed, leading to 20 mln. barrels of oil per day stranded from the global market and 20% of the world's LNG producing capacity gone, the main economic consequences are born by Europe. A Europe, already weakened by its ideologically motivated stand against Russia, acting according to external geopolitical interests as if enchanted by the pied piper, and the self-inflicted destructive agricultural, energy, and industrial policies branded as 'a green new deal'.

For the past 5 years Europe has been hit twice by an energy hammer with dire repercussions on European competitiveness. Those consequences won't be solved by helicopter money deepening the indebtedness, more regulations that had become the main manufactured good of the EU, bans on energy imports or an ideological pressure in the energy policy that leads only to energy vulnerability.

The leadership of the European Union has failed to see something basic – the high value economy of the EU crashes without the affordable Eurasian energy, not only Russian, but that



of the Gulf, the Caucasus, and Central Asia. It is easy to blame Russia and to shrug and say that the current supply shock is due to foreign intervention in the Gulf region. It is worthwhile remembering that Europe made itself more dependent on the Russian gas with increasing intermittent renewables' deployment and was happy to visit Moscow for contract renewals. With the crusade against coal and nuclear, Europe welcomed in the natural gas, a fuel of which it has scarce resources. It was Europe that pushed to have higher share of spot pricing. It was Europe that didn't diversify enough, but exchanged an existing dependence for another, and now is ill prepared to face the quakes of a world in change.

Europe used to live in luxury, lulled into tranquillity, believing that the globalized, interconnected world of free trade is forever. We entrusted our security to the United States, our energy to Eurasia, and our manufacturing to China, and defined our duty to be the moral high-ground of the world. The world has changed and we need to wake up.

Maintaining the 'green' policy that continues to strangle the agriculture, industry, and energy of Europe, while missiles, military equipment and burning energy facilities from Ukraine to the Gulf spew toxic fumes is hypocritical and self-sabotaging.

MS. PRESIDENT,

Saying that abandoning nuclear energy was a strategic mistake is not enough! We urge you to take responsibility! Europe had lost its potential in nuclear energy, which is demonstrated by our inability to build a nuclear power plant in time and within budget. Moreover, arguably the best nuclear power sector, the German, has been wiped out.

When discussing fossil fuels, you deliberately omit coal: a resource abundant in Europe. In a fracturing world we do not have the luxury to impose bans: on developing our own energy and on imports. The events unfolding around us require a reality check, not ideological approach.

The key to security is diversification and having leverage to negotiate the best possible terms on the global market. Currently, the EU has none.

We urge the European Commission to:

- rescind ETS 2, and take measures for phasing-out ETS 1. As a first step, allowances from the Market Stability Reserve should be released and the financial speculators on the carbon market should be removed. Free allowance allocation for the industry should continue. Those measures will allow the coal-fired power plants to become economical again and displace the gas-fired power plants that use fuel, whose price and supply to the EU are prone to geopolitical risks. The energy-intensive industry will also benefit greatly. Ill-conceived and ill-executed mechanisms as CBAM and different state aid regimes do not help the industry on the fundamental level. Only affordable energy will do;



- rescind the ban on importing Russian oil and gas. If we had learnt our lessons, we would not allow dependence from a single supplier, be it Russia, the US, Qatar or someone else. It is our duty to competently manage all contracts for energy imports;
- remove the tariffs on fertilizer imports from Russia and Belarus, and take special care in the long run for the European fertilizer plants;
- initiate real push for developing nuclear power;
- encourage exploration and extraction of our own oil and natural gas resources;
- stop being a war monger and start being a peace maker!

Let's make Europe great again!

Sincerely,

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